

**INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT**

International application No.

**PCT/AU2004/000964**

**A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER**

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According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

**B. FIELDS SEARCHED**

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used)

**DWPI:** Progressive, Increment, Accumulate, Jackpot, Award, Bonus, Pool, Range, Threshold

**USPTO:** ccl/463/25, ccl/463/26, ccl/463/27, Range, Threshold

**C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT**

Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	US 6565434 B1 (ACRES) 20 May 2003 Abstract & Line 1, Column 8 – Line 16, Column 9	1-3, 7-18, 24, 25, 27
X	US 6012982 A (PIECHOWIAK et al.) 11 January 2000 Abstract & Line 50, Column 1 - Line 30, Column 2	1-3, 7-18, 24, 25, 27
X	US 5280909 A (TRACEY) 25 January 1994 Abstract & Lines 25-62, Column 3	1-3, 7-18, 24, 25, 27
X	US 6110043 A (OLSEN) 29 August 2000 Abstract; Line 45, Column 3 - Line 4, Column 4; Line 50, Column 5 - Line 4, Column 6	1-3, 7-18, 24, 25, 27

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X	US 6358149 B1 (SCHNEIDER et al.) 19 March 2002 Abstract & Lines 25-63, Column 2	1-3, 7-18, 24, 25, 27

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Information on patent family members

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This Annex lists the known "A" publication level patent family members relating to the patent documents cited in the above-mentioned international search report. The Australian Patent Office is in no way liable for these particulars which are merely given for the purpose of information.

Patent Document Cited in Search Report	Patent Family Member		
US 6565434	AU 24977/99	AU 24978/99	AU 24979/99
	AU 24981/99	AU 27192/95	AU 32346/99
	AU 35878/95	AU 48478/97	AU 61905/98
	AU 74161/98	CA 2234681	CA 2272499
	CA 2442442	CA 2442444	CA 2443301
	NZ 330189	NZ 500706	US 5655961
	US 5702304	US 5741183	US 5752882
	US 5820459	US 5836817	US 6162122
	US 6254483	US 6257981	US 6319125
	US 2001055990	US 2002058546	US 2003148807
	US 2003228904	US 2004002378	WO 9612262
	ZA 9803158	ZA 9903643	
US 6012982	AU 19175/95	CA 2183874	EP 0742930
	US 5580309	US 6168523	WO 9522811
	WO 9815928	ZA 9708793	
US 5280909			
US 6110043	AU 10969/99	AU 55976/01	CA 2308776
	US 6146273	WO 9921630	
US 6358149			
Due to data integration issues this family listing may not include 10 digit Australian applications filed since May 2001.			
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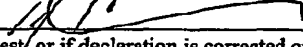
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